Chapter 47: Mobile Elevating Work Platforms

Quick Start Summary

1 Who needs to know about these requirements

The requirements of Mobile Elevating Work Platforms apply to workers (as operators, spotters, and custodians), supervisors, and Fleet Services. They cover selecting, inspecting, maintaining, and using mobile elevating work platforms (MEWPs).

2 Why

The misuse of MEWPs can result in property damage, severe injury, or death from MEWPs falling over, collapsing, or coming into contact with nearby structures and utility lines or operators falling or being thrown from the MEWP or pinned to structures.

3 What do I need to know

Only workers who are physically and mentally fit and qualified may operate this equipment. Qualification includes thorough training, both classroom and practical, the latter emphasizing experience with specific types of MEWPs. A second person, capable of operating the descent device, must be designated and in visual or contact range when MEWPs are in use. A spotter, who is a qualified operator, is required when the MEWP is operating in an area with minimal clearance or where hazards are present.

MEWPs themselves must meet applicable standards, be maintained and stored properly, and pass an initial inspection, conducted by a custodian, when first brought on-site and a pre-use inspection, conducted by the operator, before each shift.

4 When

These requirements take effect 20 December 2013.

5 Where do I find more information

SLAC Environment, Safety, and Health Manual (SLAC-I-720-0A29Z-001)
- Chapter 47, “Mobile Elevating Work Platforms”

Or contact the program manager.